

Mount Hawke Academy

Head of School: Miss C Biddick

Friday 8th January 2021

Dear Parents

I hope that you and your families are healthy and well. We are all missing you so very much.

Following the Government's announcement on Monday night, we have been preparing home learning for children. Even though your child will not be attending school, it is an expectation for your child to access home learning. A huge thank you to everyone who has already uploaded work to their eclassroom or shared their work in another way.

Our remote learning offer is accessed via Tapestry for children in Reception, a platform which you are familiar with. For children in Years 1 and 2, online learning is set via Seesaw, and for Years 3 to 6, online learning is set via Google Classroom, a platform which we have previously used and children are aware of.

Our remote learning will mirror provision for those in school as much as is possible.

Our online learning allows school staff to interact with your child, mark their learning, as well as set appropriate next steps and address any misconceptions.

Learning is set by 6pm the night before at the latest, with a suggested timetable for when to complete activities. We appreciate that some of you may need to juggle your own work commitments, as well as several children's home learning and therefore may choose to complete it at different times. However, there is an expectation for home learning to be completed by Friday at 3.00pm for that week. If it is completed over the weekend, it may not be acknowledged for a few days.

Similarly, adults within school continue to teach face to face in school through the day, which may mean that they respond to learning at unusual times, and are not usually immediately available. Please bear this in mind should any notifications be active on your devices.

We aim to call all our home learning families over the next two weeks to see how you are, but please do contact us before this if you need to. There is always someone available.





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Our Remote Learning Offer

This is the minimum that teachers will be setting in the eclassrooms:

EYFS: Appropriate learning will be set for your child via Tapestry.

Maths - daily

• A daily lesson based on White Rose Maths including video outlining the learning for the session

Literacy - daily

- Letters and Sounds phonics delivered via video link from DfE site
- A daily handwriting activity linked to the day's phonic session
- A daily reading or writing activity

Topic

• Activities related to this term's topic lessons will be posted daily, covering the variety of subjects that we teach every term. These may be supported by a video if appropriate.

Years One and Two

Appropriate learning will be set for your child via Seesaw.

Maths - daily

- A daily lesson based on White Rose Maths including video outlining the learning for the session
- Answers will be uploaded for honesty marking

English - daily

- Phonics a lesson following Phonics Play and linking to the phonics delivered via a video from DfE Letters and Sounds site
- A daily reading or writing activity

Topic - daily

• Activities related to this term's topic lessons will be posted daily, covering the variety of subjects that we teach every term. These may be supported by a video if appropriate.



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Years Three to Six:

Appropriate learning will be set for your child via Google Classroom

Maths - daily

- A daily lesson based on White Rose Maths including video outlining the learning for the session
- Answers will be uploaded for honesty marking

English – over the week

- At least 1 reading comprehension activity.
- At least 4 other English tasks using a variety of writing skills and styles
- Daily spelling, punctuation or grammar activities

Topic – daily

• Activities related to this term's topic lessons will be posted daily, covering the variety of subjects that we teach every term. These may be supported by a video if appropriate.

For all Year Groups – EYFS to Year Six:

- Please turn in an edited worksheet (you can use Kami in Google Classroom) or upload a photo of work completed so we can celebrate it and comment on it
- Misconceptions will be addressed via written feedback in the eclassrooms

Marking

- We aim to acknowledge all work returned. This will be a mixture of positive comments and next steps
- Marking is completed regularly and may not be within the school working day. If possible, please upload your work as soon as you can on the day that the work is set, so that the teachers can respond in a timely way







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Additionally

- Initially we will phone you over the next two weeks. We aim then to hold Teams meeting with classes. Dates and times will be arranged in due course. This is an online meeting where learning will be celebrated and a time to say hello and see friends from within the classroom and at home
- Regular video messages will be posted in Google Classroom/Seesaw/Tapestry from your child's class teacher

Even though your child will be learning from home, this does not mean you are alone. We are always available if needed. Please phone us on 01209 890230 or email <u>hello@mounthawke.org</u>

As you can see from the above, our remote learning is substantial and the adults within school take a lot of time preparing appropriate resources as well as teaching face to face in school for those who need a place.

I'd like to thank you all for your continued support, it really does make a difference. Here's to a more positive 2021 and we hope to be able to welcome you all back into school soon.

Best wishes

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Catherine Biddick Head of School

